

# WASTEWATER BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of 10 November 2004

Attendance as Follows

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	GUEST
Poppy Carre	X		
Janice Sedlak		X	
Jill Parker	X		
Holly Fuller	X		
Russ Glaser	X		
Doug Miller	X		
Tim Pelton		X	
Todd Carlson	X		
John Schoening		X	
Frank Boyle		X	
Cheryl Bergener		X	
Don Proctor	X		
Fred Delvecio			X

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Fred Delvecio of WETRC introduced himself and gave a brief statement regarding his desire to visit with the group. He offers training through WETRC at Green River Community College and at off-site training locations through out the State.

Poppy Carre gave a brief summary of her replacing Tammie McClure. She is the new representative for the Wastewater Board Advisory Committee from the Department of Ecology.

Poppy was filled in regarding the reasoning the Committee chose to call for requiring 1 CEU as pertinent to the actual Operations and Maintenance of the Wastewater side of Utility and Municipal work. Discussion followed with the group, and again the feeling was to insist on the 1 CEU coming from the Wastewater side, and not from Safety meetings or other Utility work (i.e., Water). A copy of Chapter 170-230 WAC Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Plants was distributed to those members of the Committee desiring a copy. (in further review, WAC 173-230-080 Certificate term and renewal conditions, Section 3 (a) specifically calls for a minimum of 3 CEU's or College Credits that are in coursework relevant **to the field**). The Operators were to be forewarned during this CEU reporting period ending 2006 that as a trial period, the operators were encouraged to pursue the 1 CEU relevancy (does not include general chemistry, general computer classes or instrumentation classes). For the next reporting period ending 2009, it will become mandatory to have relevant class work.

Poppy gave an overview of the past testing pass fail rate, and was asked to provide information regarding the past 2 years, along with if she could find old supporting evidence of the pass fail rate when the older version of the Wastewater exam was taken in module form rather than the current ABC.

Poppy gave the committee a breakdown on how the new multilevel ABC test will be set up, with the test schedule as follows

Operator I	3 Hour Test	100 Questions
Operator II	3 ½ Hour Test	120 Questions
Operator III	4 ½ Hour Test	150 Questions
Operator IV	5 ½ Hour Test	180 Questions

New Membership was addressed. The Committee reviewed the list of applicants and asked that of the applicants listed, several be contacted due to the proximity of being on the East Side of the Cascades.

Old memberships were reviewed, and it was determined that committee members who missed Two meetings in succession were to be dropped from the roles. This placed in the jeopardy column John Schoening and Frank Boyles. They are withdrawn from the Wastewater Advisory Committee hence forth, and the Committee is now searching for their replacements, that being a Public Works Director at Large and a Commissioner from the East Side.

The Committee still is searching for East Side Operator I and West Side Operator I.

The next meeting is to be held in Spokane at the request of the Committee. Tim Pelton is the area Operator IV on the Committee and was nominated to chair the meeting. This meeting date being April 6 of 2005. Further more, it was decided the following meeting the second Wednesday of November 2005 would be held with in the Southwest part of the State, and Russ Glaser would find a suitable facility to use as the meeting place.

The meeting continued while at lunch, with information regarding methods to becoming certified at a higher classification among the items discussed. Included was further discussion of using L&I computer review classes as a form of training relevant to the Wastewater CEU requirement. It was decided if the class was in a 1 hour format, there could be a 0.1 CEU given if relevant; but if less than 1 hour, we would not. The 1 hour has to set by the instructional institute, not by the time it takes to do the work, and must be signed off by the supervisor.

Meeting adjournment was at 1400